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SUPPLEMENT

1. Anti-Franco Spanish and Catalan students are represented in the International Students' Union by Communist factions of the UFEH-FUE (Union Federal de Estudiantes Hispanos-Federacion Universitaria Escolar) and the FNEC (Federacion Nacional de Estudiantes de Catalunya). Basque students are represented by the FUE of Euzkadi, also Communist. The headquarters of these organizations are in France. Arturo Acebez, who heads the Communist UFEH, is on the seventeen-member Executive Committee of the International Students' Union, and Spanish Republican students hold four seats in the Council; the UFEH has two seats and the FNEC and the FUE of Euzakdi, one each. Two of the delegates are Antonio Galvez, UFEH, and Antonio Ramirez, FUE of Euzkadi.
2. The split in the UFEH in France came about in the spring of 1946, at a congress of the FUE, where the Communists managed to capture nine of the ten posts on the directorate. Enrique Cruz, UFEH delegate representing the group inside Spain, objected to the manner in which the Congress was conducted and denounced the new directorate. In October 1946, a pact was signed inside Spain by the UFEH, the FNEC and the Basque student organization known as Euzko-Ikaskale-Alkartasuna. The UFEH group signatory to this pact recognizes Enrique Cruz as its delegate abroad.
3. The Euzko-Ikaskale-Alkartasuna claims to represent the vast majority of Basque students. Early in 1947 this organization protested to the International Students' Union that the FUE of Euzkadi was not truly representative. According to information of mid-June, the Euzko-Ikaskale-Alkartasuna was offered a seat in the Council of the International Students' Union and was urged to join before 1 August in order to be represented at the Council meeting scheduled to take place in Prague from 1-10 August. Neither the non-Communist UFEH nor the non-Communist FNEC had made any move to join the International Students' Union.
4. The non-Communist UFEH in France, composed of straight Republicans, Socialists and Libertarian elements, is not as strong as the Communist faction, but it is the faction which was recognized by the Government-in-Exile, and it has been gaining strength. Reportedly, some members of the Communist-controlled faction are not Communists but have remained in that group because of a disinclination to become involved in controversies.

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